

The Men Who Make the Mines.

Apropos of recent expressions regarding the finding and making of mines there are some interesting remarks on the subject by W. Weston, the engineer, in a recent issue of the Engineering and Mining Journal, as follows:

It seems as if in the majority of cases in Colorado it is the "tenderfoot" who makes the discovery of big gold mines. He has no theories as to the "proper formations" in which to search for gold, he looks in any old rock, and follows unknowingly the principle that "gold is where you find it." In the early days of Cripple Creek a man came down from the mines to Colorado Springs, and a friend meeting him on the street said: "Well, how are things up at the Creek?" "Oh!" said the miner, "the miners are looking for gold where it ought to be, and the tenderfeet are finding it where it is."

In Ouray two tenderfeet went to the top of a sheer cliff of sandstone, just north of town, and tying a rope to a quaking asp sapling, one lowered the other about 30 feet down the face so that he could crawl into a hole which they had seen from the valley below. The floor of the cave was covered with about a foot of red dirt, which assayed 10 ounces gold per ton, and this was the discovery of the American Nettie, since credited with an output of over two millions.

Stratton was not exactly a tenderfoot, but he was a carpenter and not in any sense a miner, and prospected in the summer, and took for assay some common red granite that he found sticking up like a vein. And when his first carload of Independence granite rolled into the yards of the Boston & Colorado Smelting company the manager laughed exceedingly, but it sampled three ounces gold to the ton, and has produced over ten millions.

The Camp Bird was staked by a greenhorn just out from the Royal School of Mines, London, the first vein he had ever seen except in books, and it has produced over twenty-two millions.

Another great gold mine in the state, which shall be nameless so as not to hurt anyone's feelings and which has paid many millions in dividends, was discovered by a plumber, and some time later when he had become a millionaire and had learned to wear a clawhammer coat and boiled shirt, and mix with the "quality", he was dining out, and the host said to a friend next him, "See that man down the table? Well, not over three years ago he was doing a job of plumbing in my cellar, and he got into the wine bin and drank up a lot of my finest brand of champagne."

But it is not always thus with the tenderfoot, for it is recorded of the Osceola at Ophir that one of them refused to stake the outcrop, which showed quantities of free gold, on the grounds that it was "native brass" and therefore worthless. However, enough wonders have been worked in the way of discoveries by tenderfeet to show that no formation must be classed at sight as non-gold-bearing, not even the grindstone or the jug handle.

Some incidents should put a quietus on the mechanic or artisan who turning mining expert rushes in where the real authority fears to tread and condemns the new mining camp before the digger himself has had time to prove its merit.—Denver Mining Record.

Lien Law Drives

Them Out of State.

After bitterly denouncing the action of the last Legislature as it applies to the notorious mine lien law now on the statute books, and openly condemning the executive for approving the same, George Dennison, H. E. Brown and Louis Zinfell, miners who arrived in Prescott Sunday afternoon from the northern part of Yuma county, stated that the effect of this iniquitous measure was already being experienced in that country.

Speaking for the party, Mr. Dennison said: "We are only miners and prospectors. Under this infamous law we are practically driven from the field in hunting for mines, and after we have found one we cannot dispose of it for money or marbles. There is but one resource open, to find a placer claim and to wash out the dust. Then we know where we are at. To our

knowledge, within the past month two transactions in the above county have been smashed, because the owners asked for what was only right. The prospective buyers did not believe in meeting the demand and the sales were declared accordingly off. To hold the mine responsible for any debt is an imposition that the poor owner or the struggling prospector will not face, and on the other hand the buyer will most assuredly get off the ground when any effort is made to have him acquiesce in any financial redress that may be imposed for operating or other expenses.

The law works both ways, and the miner as well as the mine owner simply faces a crisis. The former for the reason that he is distressed financially for a time, and the latter ultimately is frozen out of his years of toil in bringing the claim in attractive rating. The law teems with double-handed dirty work, to be committed in case it should be necessary for the cunning and unscrupulous to resort to it. It is the worst blow the prospector and small mine owner ever faced, and it will result in practically abandoning further effort to find properties or in having them operated until the Legislature is reconvened and repeals the law. The above miners and prospectors are en route to Nevada, where the field is more inviting and more wholesome laws await them.—Prescott Journal-Miner.

Gold Strike in the Allie.

The recent gold strike on the 250-foot level of the "Martha" vein, "Allie" Mining company, places Gilmore on the list at least several miles ahead of all competing camps in the state for honors in the yellow metal producing line, and it would appear that this property which is already shipping out three cars weekly from other workings that nets 28½ gold per ton, has an inexhaustible fund of gold, which is gradually coming to light through systematic development. Two years ago this paper had the honor of chronicling a big gold find in the "Martha," which find, subsequent workings have proven to be permanent to date. The depth at which the recent find was made and the values expressed on the button scale should be regarded with equal significance far removed from surface outcrop picked specimens for assay purposes only. As nearly as can be determined, the ore streak, the matrix of which is manganese and oxides of iron, is eight inches wide, the entire mass broken down and without any attempt at sorting, averaging 1,500½ per ton, gold. The gold is free and for the greater part coarse and pans freely as water. The property lying in the very heart of the great lead-silver belt of the range where Gilmore has established a home, solid as the "Rock of Ages" in which the existence of the yellow metal was entirely unsuspected until two years ago, might possibly open the eyes of the outside world by reason of the contraries in unlooked for conditions in a country of limestone and base metals.—Standard, Leadore, Idaho.

Japanese Mining Report.

An interesting report on a gold mine in Japan was recently examined by an engineer. It was written in Japanese English and signed by the "discoverer and miner." The conclusions according to the Engineering & Mining Journal were as follows:

"This gold mine is believed to be the best, unequally by any in the world. The ore principally consist of clay and silice, colors being whitish, reddish and light blackish. Gold is present in the ore sometime so richly that it can be seen with naked eyes, but it is generally distributed in silice and clay together with small quantity of silver.

"Analysis of two specimens of the ore showed that one contained gold at the ratio of 1.5 to 10,000 and the other contained at the ratio of 4 to 100,000, while the proportion of silver to gold was 1 to 9. Explanation as to the methods of working the mine, refining process and business system are omitted."

Mr. W. S. Gonsalus, a farmer living near Fleming, Pa., says he has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for fourteen years, and that he has found it to be an excellent remedy, and takes pleasure in recommending it. For sale by all dealers.

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